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Man Facing 10 Years In Federal Prison After Gun Possession By Felon Conviction

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ST. THOMAS -- After a one day trial, a federal jury on Monday found Rehelio Trant, 39, of St. Thomas, guilty of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, United States Gretchen C. F. Shappert announced.

Trant faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for August 16, 2018.

According to the evidence presented at trial, on October 16, 2017, the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD) received a report from an individual that Trant brandished a firearm after a verbal confrontation with the individual adjacent to a local business. Trant

had a prior conviction for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year and firearms are not manufactured in the Virgin Islands.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Virgin Islands Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.

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